

KERO ROOSEVELT AND RICKARD'S CASE

**Calls Accused Man Honest,
Although He Ran Gam-
bling House in Alaska.**

PARTNERS IN BUSINESS

**Witnesses Say Defendant
Was at Football Game on
a Day Named by Girl.**

BRIBERY IS HINTED AT

**Tex. It Is Said, Could Have
Escaped Prosecution by
Paying \$50,000.**

Friends of Tex Rickard and former partners in his sporting enterprises were called by the defense yesterday to testify as character witnesses and establish an alibi to prove the fight promoter was not at 20 or 34 West Forty-seventh street on the afternoon of November 12 last, when he is accused of attacking Sarah Schoenfeld, a fifteen-year-old tennis girl. Rickard is on trial before Justice Wasservogel in the Supreme Court.

Kernit Roosevelt was one of the witnesses, and he testified that he has known the defendant for ten years, having met him in South America, subsequently becoming a partner with him in a coffee business. Richard Derby, Roosevelt's brother-in-law, also was associated with him, Mr. Roosevelt said.

Ferdinand Pecora, assistant District Attorney, asked the witness how he had first become acquainted with Rickard. Roosevelt replied that Rex Beach, who knew Rickard in Alaska when the latter ran a gambling house, had told him about Tex and the old boom times in the Far North.

Asks Roosevelt of Gambling.

"What is your opinion of the character of that gambling house?" asked the prosecutor.

"Excellent," replied Mr. Roosevelt.

"In your opinion, is a man who operates a gambling house which caters to a few women of good character, and who is not a gambler himself, a better character than a man who runs a gambling house of bad character and who is a gambler himself?"

Mr. Roosevelt said he regarded the defendant as an "upright, unassuming man of good character." Under cross examination he admitted he had communicated with the District Attorney's office two months ago regarding the Rickard case. He denied doing so in behalf of, or against, Rickard, but to ascertain "certain facts."

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Why Roosevelt Called Up.

Subsequently the witness admitted he had communicated with the District Attorney "for personal reasons" in connection with their joint office business. Other character witnesses called were Christian E. Day, who knew Rickard in the Klondike; John A. Drake, former partner of John W. ("Bet-a-Million") Gates, and Denver S. Dickerson, former Governor of Nevada. They testified the defendant's character was of the highest type, and agreed that a man could be of good character even though he kept a saloon and gambling place.

Mr. Dickerson said he knew Rickard at Rawhide and Goldfield, Nev., and that he had granted the promoter the permit for the Johnson-Jeffries fight in 1918 after other States had refused permission.

A crowd even larger than on the previous days tried to storm the court room and reserve from the Elizabeth street police station were called to maintain order. Rickard appeared in court smiling, apparently more pleased with the progress of his case than on the first days of the trial. He chattered cheerfully with Max D. Steuer, his counsel, and seemed confident of the outcome.

Lawyer Reviews Rickard's Life.

Mr. Steuer began his address to the jury with a review of Rickard's life. He told of the Alaska saloon and gambling house and how Rickard had become so much a part of the life of the State. He said he would show that the defendant never went to the West Forty-seventh street house, where Sarah Schoenfeld and other little girls may have been molested, except on two occasions prior to the alleged attack, and that these visits were to inspect some liquor stored there.

Mr. Steuer hinted at a conspiracy to bribe the State's witnesses. He referred to sworn statements he is known to have obtained to the effect that on February 27 the present case was asked to attend a meeting at Eighth avenue and Forty-fifth street. Rickard was suspicious and had himself followed by detectives.

When he arrived at the meeting place, his counsel said, he found four men and there was an offer to destroy the testimony of the girl witnesses for \$50,000. Rickard is said to have refused indignantly.

Football Game in Alibi.

The alibi that the defense hopes to prove is that on the day of the Dartmouth-Pennsylvania football game at the Polo Grounds on Saturday afternoon, November 12, and not to Forty-seventh street, where Sarah Schoenfeld and Nellie Gasko.

The witnesses called by Mr. Steuer to establish his client's presence at the game were William S. Farnsworth, Rickard's secretary, William S. Farnsworth, sporting editor of the New York American; "Red" Dorgan, press agent for Madison Square Garden; Frank Stever, son of Harry Stever, concessionaire at the Polo Grounds, and Thomas Murphy, Rickard's chauffeur.

Mr. Coltray said that he and Mr. Dorgan had accompanied Rickard to the game and that Stevens had given them box seats. Farnsworth testified he saw the defendant sitting in a box with Messrs. Stever and Dorgan. Mr. Pecora asked the witness who asked him to testify.

"No one," said Mr. Farnsworth, "I came here voluntarily."

Mr. Dorgan, under cross-examination, admitted that Mr. Coltray had informed him three or four days ago that he would be expected to testify concerning his attendance at the Dartmouth game. When asked the date of the game he said he was positive it was October 12. The correct date is November 12. The chauffeur and Frank

MOTHER DIES AS BOYS END LONG TRUDGE TO SEE HER

**Bellevue Hospital Officers Cannot Tell Eager Young-
sters Their Parent Is Gone—Send Them Home and
Leave Sad Task for Older Children of Family.**

Ritchie Hardy, 11, of 1741 Avenue A, near Ninety-first street, appeared at Bellevue Hospital last night with his brother Tom, who is only 8. The two boys stood for a while at the entrance gates, not knowing where to go or what to do, until finally Frank Nugent, the attendant, saw them and asked what they wanted.

"We want to see our Mama, Mister," said Ritchie, "we walked all the way down from Ninety-first street to see her. She's sick here and can't we go in?"

Nugent went in and learned that the mother of the boys, Mrs. Margaret Hardy, had died five minutes before Ritchie and Tom had reached their long walk. Nugent returned to the entrance to tell the boys, but he could not do it. They seemed so eager to get inside to see their mother and so certain that they could see her after their long walk that Nugent just couldn't do it.

So instead he took the boys to Samuel Hess, the night nurse, and told him all sorts of people all sorts of things.

Stevens also testified Rickard was at the Polo Grounds.

Helen G. Tillotson, head of the stenographic department of the New York Times, was the first woman witness called by the defense. She said she had known the Rickards for sixteen years and had passed several times in the last few months her November 12 and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Rickard that day in their home about noon, she testified.

John J. Rickard, the boys' physician, said he had been called to the promoter's home on the night of November 12 to attend Mrs. Rickard. He remembered about the hour, that they could see her after their long walk that Nugent just couldn't do it.

Frank Flournoy, matchmaker at Madison Square Garden, and partner of Rickard in the Dempsey-Willard fight at Toledo, was another witness called to support the November 12 alibi. He said he dined with Rickard that night at the apartment house, 80 Madison avenue, where the Rickards live, was put on the stand to disprove the testimony of the defendant's character witnesses.

Mr. Rickard, who has waited in the corridor of the Criminal Courts Building each day during the trial, became and did so during the afternoon and had to be assisted to a chair. It is expected that he will be called to testify when the trial is resumed Monday.

Alfred Macintosh, superintendent of the apartment house, 80 Madison avenue, where the Rickards live, was put on the stand to disprove the testimony of the defendant's character witnesses.

Macintosh said it was impossible to view the interior from the outside.

Conching of Witnesses Charged.

A commotion occurred in the court room and the trial was interrupted for several minutes after a squabble between Mr. Pecora and Mr. Steuer over the charge that witnesses for the defense were being conched in the corridor.

Dominick Reilly, the Court's secretary, and Francis Albert, assistant publicity agent at the Courthouse, were put out of the room after Mr. Steuer pointed out that Rickard's office two months ago regarding the Rickard case. He denied doing so in behalf of, or against, Rickard, but to ascertain "certain facts."

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60 P. C. MOTOR THEFTS ARE FAKED, SAY POLICE

**Object Is to Collect Insurance,
They Assert.**

Members of the police Automobile Squad, discussing motor car thefts in Greater New York yesterday, said that approximately 60 per cent of the automobiles that are reported stolen are taken with the consent of the owner, the object being to collect insurance.

Most of the stolen automobiles, the police say, are used by the owners to collect insurance. The policy is based on the value of the car at the time of purchase. Under the new policies the companies take account of depreciation.

A motor car which was stolen from John J. Farrell, sporting editor of the Hudson Dispatch of West 10th street, was recovered Thursday night after Dennis Coakley, a motorcycle policeman, had chased its four occupants several miles. Coakley glanced at the license plate of the automobile when it was driven past him and suspected it had been stolen. He trailed the car through West New York, Guttenberg and Woodcliff. At Hudson County Park the four men riding in it jumped out and ran across a field.

THINKS FATHER'S SHIRT WAS HIS DEPOSIT VAULT

**Daughter Calls on Relative to
Produce Effects.**

Believing her father kept valuable papers sewed in a shirt, Mrs. Blanche Eckert of 230 St. Nicholas avenue applied yesterday to Surrogate Foley for an order requiring Mrs. Hannah Roe, who lives at 140 West 10th street, to produce the papers. Mrs. Eckert gave to her contained the papers. Surrogate Foley granted the order and fixed Mrs. Roe's examination for next Wednesday.

Mrs. Eckert's father, Martin Staehler, who died in August, 1920, was a veteran of the civil war and received a pension of \$10 a month. His daughter said she lived with her father for sixteen years and kept his pension and other papers the nature of which she did not know, in an envelope which he always carried with him. After his death she was unable to find the envelope and now believes that it was in the bosom of an old fashioned starched shirt which Staehler never wore and which Mrs. Eckert was given by her father after his death. Staehler left an estate of \$5,000.

GOVERNOR PARKHURST'S WIDOW SUES FOR \$15,000

**Use of Thermometer Figures
in 'Accident' Case.**

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. HANOVER, Me., March 24.—Mrs. Dorothy W. Parkhurst, widow of Gov. Frederic W. Parkhurst, has brought suit to recover \$15,000 from the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation following the death of her husband more than a year ago.

Upon a decision whether Gov. Parkhurst died as a result of the use of a thermometer during a medical examination by a physician representing another company will depend the recovery of payments she alleges are due.

Aside from questions of fact, the suit raises the question whether the alleged infection can be classed as "accident" under the definition of the policy. It is said Mr. Parkhurst held two other accident policies with the Mutual Life of New York and the Prudential.

GIRL REVIVES MEMORY OF AN AMNESIA VICTIM

**Child's Presence Has Magic
Effect on Her Mother.**

One of the strangest cases of amnesia seen at Bellevue Hospital in some time was cured abruptly yesterday afternoon when Betty Kirgan, 8, daughter of John H. Kirgan, a building contractor, of 162 East Sixth street, Brooklyn, walked up to the bed of a woman and called her mother. The woman turned, looked at the child and said: "Why, that's Betty. Now I know who I am. I am Angelina Kirgan."

For more than twelve hours physicians had been trying every means to make the woman recollect her name. She was normal in every other respect. When she said she could speak French, German and Dutch natives of those languages fluently. The patient announced she could compose on the piano and did so during the afternoon and nurses, but when asked for her name she would catch hold of her head and scream as though suffering from intense mental pain.

Mrs. Kirgan arrived at the hospital late Thursday night in a taxi cab. She said she was dizzy and faint and thought she was being attacked by the dazzling lights in Broadway. Physicians questioned her and she told them she suffered a similar spell twenty-two years ago and was treated at that time at Bellevue Hospital. She told the physicians her son had sung her version of "Ave Maria" in St. Patrick's Cathedral on October 16.

Mr. Kirgan said that when his wife failed to return home he suspected she had suffered another attack and began a search of the hospitals, finding her at Bellevue. He said he had taken her home and she had been cured.

ANDY'LL GET ANOTHER DAD IF HIS OWN FAILS

**Deserted Boy Wins Hearts at
S. P. C. S. Shelter.**

Andrew Furnace is still at the shelter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at Yonkers waiting for his father to claim him or somebody to come from Nemaucollin, Pa., to take him home. His father left him Thursday afternoon after pressing a dollar bill in the boy's hand which he said he had won by getting something to eat. He was picked up in the White Plains station of the Boston and Westchester Railroad.

Superintendent Warner telegraphed the Chief of Police in Nemaucollin yesterday and received a wire saying that Andy answered the description of another boy named Rothwell, Amos, also 11, who ran away from home a week or so ago. An examination of young Furnace disclosed that he had only one vaccination mark on his right arm: Rothwell's two.

Andy told the society officials that he knew Rothwell, and that shortly before he and his father left Nemaucollin, Rothwell confided his intention of running away because of the cruelty of his father. Andy's mother is dead and he wishes somebody would come to take him back home because he is lonely and Andy wants to play with the boys on the lots of his home town.

They say at the S. P. C. S. shelter that Andy is one of the most likable boys who ever squandered a fortune and that if his father doesn't come and get him somebody else probably will.

FIREMEN AID INJURED MATE IN TRANSFUSION

**Brandt Falls From Truck in
Going to a Blaze.**

Frederick Brandt of 146 Woodbine street, Brooklyn, attached to Engine Company 308 in Flatbush, near Fulton street, fell from a horse truck late last night while the truck was rolling to a fire at 138 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn. He lost his balance when he tried to put on his rubber coat while standing on the running board.

One rear wheel of the truck ran over Brandt's right leg. He was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital, where the physicians performed a blood transfusion operation in an effort to save his life. The blood was taken from several other members of the engine company. Early this morning it was said that Brandt's condition was serious.

STOWAWAY STARVES TEN DAYS AMID RICE

When the after hatch cover of the Royal Mail liner Orbita, in from Hamburg, Gibraltar and Southampton, was removed yesterday longshoremen were startled to see what they thought was a dead boy lying on bags of rice in the lower hold. The ship's surgeon, Dr. F. R. Lucas, said the boy's condition was due to lack of food and water. He was much emaciated, his clothing was soiled and he was close to death when revived.

Hours later he told his story. He is Fritz Ahrens, 19, formerly mess boy on the German sailing ship Amistia. He has an uncle living in America, and when the Amistia went out of commission he decided to stow away in the Orbita at Hamburg and come here. Four days after sailing from Hamburg the Orbita departed from Southampton, where the hatches were battened down, with Fritz shut in below. Then he began starving, sleeping and walking on food enough in the form of rice to feed an army of Chinese.

STRAWBERRIES SOLD QUICKLY.

The first carload of strawberries from Louisiana arrived on the market yesterday and were snapped up by the commission men because of the general shortage. The Louisiana berries were selling at 25 to 35 cents in pine and Florida berries 40 to 65 cents a quart.

DIER WERE STOOD FOR HOUR AND A HALF

**Hearing of Bankrupt Broker
Adjourned Without
His Testimony.**

LAWYERS IN QUARREL

**Broker's Counsel Wants
More Time to Prepare
'\$1,000,000 Plan.'**

C. A. STONEHAM ACCUSED

**He Is Master Mind, Says Man
Who Claims Authority of
1,000 Creditors.**

Examination of Elmore D. Dier, head of the bankrupt brokerage of E. D. Dier & Co., was adjourned yesterday until April 8 by Seaman Miller, referee, after stormy argument at his offices at 2 Rector street. The adjournment was asked for by Nash Rockwood, counsel for Mr. Dier, who said he wanted more time to arrange for getting further assets for the creditors.

Charles A. Stoneham was described as the "master mind" in the Dier failure by Daniel W. Blumenthal, attorney for a committee of creditors.

When Mr. Blumenthal said that he represented 1,000 Dier creditors, Saul S. Myers, attorney for the receiver, precipitated an uproar by taking issue with Mr. Blumenthal. For more than ten minutes Mr. Miller was unable to restore order, the lawyers calling each other bitter names and threatening to resort to blows.

THEY'RE 'WEAKER SEX' NO LONGER, SAYS JUDGE

**Magistrate Doyle Wants
Women in Front Lines.**

Magistrate Doyle in Jamaica police court yesterday, called women the "battering sex" and said that in war time they should be dispatched to the front lines to fight the enemy. Magistrate Sanders of Garfield avenue, Jamaica, had charged Mrs. Annie Schulz, a neighbor, with disorderly conduct. Each gave a \$25 fine for the charge.

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BLUE CIRCLE INITIATION ENDS IN NIGHT COURT

**Block Broadway and Get Well
Kicked in Ceremonies.**

John Burke, 17, of 500 West 107th street and Edward O'Malley, 18, of 324 Amsterdam avenue, joined the Blue Circle Club, at Amsterdam avenue and 14th street, yesterday, and last night they went down to Broadway with about thirty other members for the last stage of the initiation ceremonies. They also went to Night Court on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Young Burke was dressed in the musical comedy idea of a country school-boy and O'Malley wore a straw hat and pajamas and a sign on his back saying: "I don't want to go out of work, please kick me hard."

Traffic was blocked because almost everybody in Broadway who saw the sign tried to accept the invitation. The boys started at Broadway and Fifty-third street, with 300 persons following them.

By the time they reached Fifty-fifth at least 500 persons were in the party, and the enthusiasm and rivalry as to who should kick O'Malley first and hardest became so boisterous and the game so exciting that the crowd spread all over the street. Traffic got so disorganized that Patrolman Martin Gillen chased the crowd away and arrested the two boys.

ORDERS 'SUI VERDICT' IN SUIT FOR \$100,000

**Court Breaks Deadlock in
Massachusetts Slander Case.**

TAUNTON, Mass., March 24.—Superior Court Judge Nelson P. Brown today ordered a jury to return a verdict for \$1 in favor of Joseph E. Warner, former Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, who brought suit for \$100,000 against Lieut.-Gov. Alvan T. Fuller, alleging slander in the 1920 primary campaign.

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HOLDUP MEN VISIT 42D ST. RESTAURANT

**Exciting Thief Hunt Follows
in Times Square and One
Capture Is Made.**

LITTLE PLUNDER TAKEN

**Discharged Employee Stabs
and Kills Woman in an
Eating Place.**

A thief chase crossed Times Square just before 11 o'clock last night and in the wake of a half dozen patrolmen who were trying to overtake two men who had tried to hold up the restaurant at 29 West Forty-second street, ran more than 500 men and women. Half an hour later a man who described himself as Charles Buckley, 18, a clerk of 129 East Eighteenth street, was arrested.